

Seat No. : _____

MA-136

March-2019

B.Sc., Sem.-V

General English

(Text : Gems of Wisdom (Part-1))

Time : 2:30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

Instruction : Figures in the right side in the parenthesis indicate marks.

1. (A) Answer in brief any **three** of the following questions : **9**
 - (1) What was the ritual that was followed each time an accused was presented in the King's Arena ?
 - (2) What was the attitude of the people who gathered on the day of trial ?
 - (3) Why does O' Henry call Jim and Della the Magi ?
 - (4) Describe the flat where Della and Jim lived.
 - (5) How did the sniper experience the futility of war ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **8**
 - (1) King's Arena
 - (2) The Ending of the story – *The Gifts of Magi*
 - (3) The Republican sniper
2. (A) Answer in brief any **three** of the following questions : **9**
 - (1) Why did the black boy refrain himself from going out ?
 - (2) What was black boy's mother ? What did she tell her children when she was in despair ?
 - (3) Why did the astrologer think he had committed a murder ?
 - (4) How did the astrologer master the art ?
 - (5) What was the pact that was made between the astrologer and the aggressive passer-by ?
- (B) Write a short note on any **one** of the following : **8**
 - (1) The theme of the story – *An Astrologer's Day*
 - (2) The Black Boy
 - (3) The mother's effort to teach the black-boy a lesson.

3. (A) Write an application, on behalf of J.S. Patel 23, Shivshankar Society, Sector-27, Gandhinagar, for the post of a computer operator in B.J. Pvt. Ltd. Bhavnagar. **12**

OR

Draft a letter of complaint to the postmaster of your area regarding the irregularity of the postman.

- (B) Fill in the blanks with missing words in the following passage by selecting proper options given below it. **5**

I was a young doctor and had just set up in practice in a working-class district of London. (1) a foggy November night, towards one o' clock, I was awakened (2) a loud banging (3) the door. In those days of economic necessity, any call, even at this unearthly hour, was a welcome one. Hurriedly I threw on some clothes and went (4) his hose. It was a sergeant police, in dripping helmet and cape, mistily outlined on the doorstep. A suicide case, in the lodgings around the corner-I had better come (5) once.

1. (a) In (b) On (c) At
2. (a) by (b) to (c) under
3. (a) in (b) to (c) at
4. (a) on (b) to (c) at
5. (a) at (b) on (c) by

4. (A) Write an essay of about **80-100** words on any **one**. **9**

- (1) Health is Wealth
- (2) Narsinh Mehta – a Poet
- (3) My Plans after Graduation

- (B) Choose the correct option : **10**

(1) *The Lady, or the Tiger* ? is a story about a _____ king.

- (a) wise
- (b) magical
- (c) whimsical

(2) Which way did the princess point to when her lover asked with a questioning glance ?

- (a) left
- (b) right
- (c) between the two doors

(3) Della saved _____ to buy a gift for Jim.

- (a) one dollar and eighty seven cents.
- (b) one dollar and eighty cents
- (c) one dollar

- (4) Della's beautiful hair reached below her _____.
(a) waist
(b) heaps
(c) knee
- (5) Taking off his _____, he placed it over the muzzle of his rifle.
(a) shirt
(b) cap
(c) hat
- (6) The sniper turned over the dead body and looked into his _____ face.
(a) Father's
(b) Mother's
(c) Brother's
- (7) Richard Wright was an _____ author.
(a) African
(b) American
(c) African-American
- (8) R. Wright's mother gave him a _____, when he tried to enter the house.
(a) Flying kiss
(b) hug
(c) stinging slap
- (9) Astrologer takes his seat under a _____ tree.
(a) Mango
(b) Neem
(c) Tamarind
- (10) Astrologer had _____ cowrie shells.
(a) five
(b) eleven
(c) a dozen
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